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For : METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ULTRA BARRIER LAYER SYSTEM

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 23, 2010**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated July 23, 2010, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until October 23, 2010.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period and is being filed by two months from the date of the final Office Action, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and

authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.